

"Roads", be and the same is hereby repealed, with amendments, to read as follows:

445. A Commission is hereby created, consisting of T. Roy Brookes, Master of the State Grange; Fred C. Jones, President of the Harford County Farm Bureau, and Robert Lee Wilson, a retired engineer, for the purpose of making a study as to whether the appointment of a County engineer under the provisions of Chapter 424 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, and under the provisions of this Act, is feasible and for the best interests of Harford County, and if this Commission shall determine that it is feasible and for the best interests of Harford County to appoint such engineer, then the County Commissioners of Harford County shall, when requested so to do by a representative group of the citizens of Harford County, appoint a competent person as County Roads Engineer for said county, to hold office from the date of his appointment until his resignation or removal as hereinafter provided. Upon the filling of the office of the Roads Engineer, the following qualifications, salary, duties, etc., pertaining to such office, shall immediately become effective:

The Engineer must have the degree of Civil Engineer and experience in bridge and road building, or have had at least ten years' practical experience in road and bridge building in a supervisory and executive capacity. The Engineer shall receive a salary not to exceed Thirty-six Hundred (\$3,600.00) Dollars per year, payable monthly, and an allowance for traveling and other expenses not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars per year.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be liable to removal from office for any other reason than incompetency or wilful neglect of duty, or other cause which may impair his usefulness. He shall not be removed, however, except after written charges preferred against him, and an opportunity to be heard in his defense afforded him. Hearings in regard to his removal from office shall be public, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners.

He shall give bond to the County Commissioners of Harford County conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties and the protection of said County Commissioners against loss or damage by reason of any act, default, neglect, false or fraudulent statement of his whatsoever, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

The said Roads Engineer shall not be interested financially in any individual, firm or corporation from which any materials, equipment, machinery or supplies are purchased by the County while he is in office, nor shall he receive any commission or pecuniary profit on any such purchases.